



Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Technology

Regarding HB 5205

The Escanaba Paper Company continues in its efforts to generate energy from renewable sources, optimizing raw material, reducing emissions and greenhouse gases, managing water use and minimizing landfill materials.

Our energy strategy includes optimizing biomass fuel utilization, investigating nonconventional and renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency and optimizing combined heat and power production.

The largest source of energy used in our manufacturing operations continues to be renewable biomass fuels. Renewable biomass fuels comprise roughly 55 percent of our energy sources.

Alternative fuel pellets provided by Greenwood Energy are also part of our energy arsenal, pellets that we find both environmentally and economically beneficial.

The Escanaba Paper Company is very supportive of Greenwood's request that their alternative fuel pellets be classified as a renewable energy resource within House Bill 5205, which thereby would generate renewable energy credits from the energy we self-produce.

The alternative fuel pellets provide a low emission, economical alternative to the combustion of coal. We support the classification of Greenwood Energy's fuel pellets as renewable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Pride', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Jackie Pride
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